

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Bell Amarillo Assembly Center is celebrating its
2 20th anniversary in 2019, providing a fitting opportunity to pay
3 tribute to its success; and

4 WHEREAS, Bell's history in Amarillo dates back to 1968, when
5 the company opened a repair modification plant in the city; the
6 facility closed in 1990, and in 1998, Bell announced that it would
7 manufacture a new aircraft in Amarillo; and

8 WHEREAS, In March 1999, work began on the V-22 Osprey
9 tiltrotor, and the following October, the first Osprey made its
10 maiden test flight; since then, the company has delivered nearly
11 400 Bell Boeing V-22 tiltrotors, and the aircraft's increased
12 speed, range, and endurance have transformed the way the United
13 States military plans and executes its missions; and

14 WHEREAS, In addition, the team in Amarillo has historically
15 produced OH-58, UH-1Y, and AH-1Z military helicopters, and the
16 company is currently developing other impressive aircraft; these
17 include the Bell 525, which promises to be the world's most advanced
18 commercial helicopter, and the Bell V-280 tiltrotor, which is
19 expected to shape the future of U.S. Army aviation; and

20 WHEREAS, For two decades, the Bell Amarillo Assembly Center
21 has produced some of the finest helicopters in the world, and the
22 company and its dedicated employees may take great pride in their
23 outstanding record of achievement; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas

H.R. No. 1855

1 Legislature hereby commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Bell
2 Amarillo Assembly Center and extend to all those associated with
3 the company sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for the Bell Amarillo Assembly Center as an expression of
7 high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1855 was adopted by the House on May 24, 2019, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House